

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph number [0037] as follows:

[0037] Referring to FIG. 3A, the cross section of a mold 110 is shown with a snap ring 102 disposed therein for application of the ablative material to particular areas of the snap ring 102. A base portion 112 of the mold 110 is shaped and configured to complementarily receive the snap ring 102 therein. A cover 114 is placed on top of the snap ring 102 to hold it into place during application of the ablative material. A space or cavity 116 is formed about the particular surface or surfaces of the snap ring 102 which are to be coated with ablative material. This space or cavity 116 may be formed through design of the mold 110, or may be formed by use of spacers 118 which serve to suspend the snap ring 102 above the base portion 112 of the mold 110 and act as a thickness indicator or gauge for the resulting ablative coating. The spacers 118 may be formed as previously cured ablative material, such as from Sparesyl, and preferably from the same type of ablative material which is to be introduced into the mold 110 to coat the snap ring 102.